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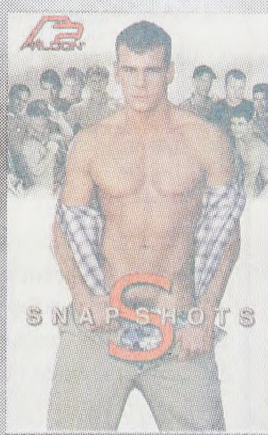
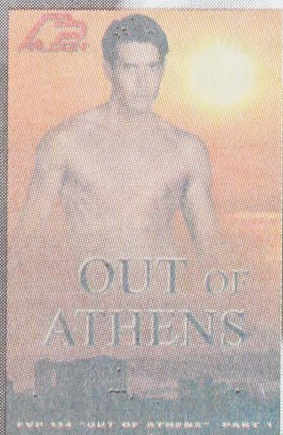
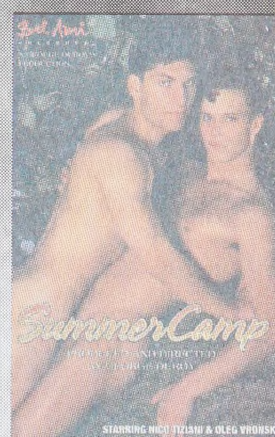
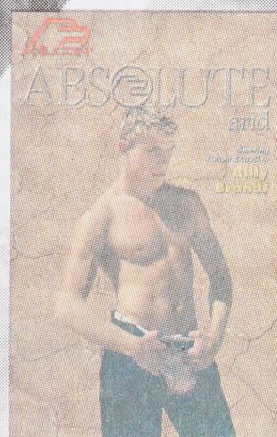
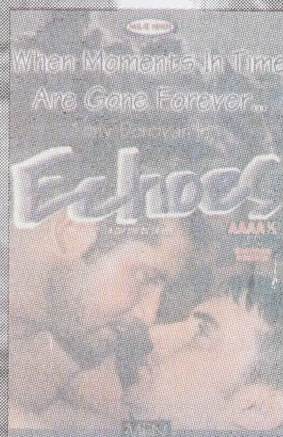
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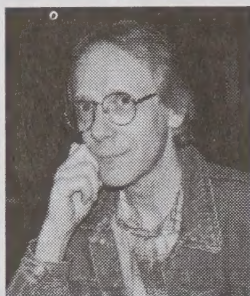
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# Commentary

*By Dennis Cambly*  
**Managing Editor**



## The Road is Long

There is another election in the air and that may be the reason so many people have a headache these days. Although most of the subsidies from the Klein government end on April 1 (April Fool's Day), it will be the day that Klein says; "proven leadership says I bought 'em". In reality, around 5 Billion dollars will go to the large energy providers and the people of the province will not see one penny. The larger "subsidies" will end and you will be very grateful when you get your "real" bill for energy at the end of May. Around the same time California and the southern United States will be turning on their air conditioners and the price of energy will increase many times. So will your energy bills in Alberta under the current system. Small businesses and residential consumers will be told that they will just have to live with the new costs. The hundreds of thousands of Albertans who rent will face some very stiff rental increases due to the fact that most rental buildings are owned by greedy landowners. Most renters were already gouged in the last half of the year 2000 with large rental increases. If you are a renter you might check to find out who actually owns your building. You will be very surprised to find that American investment companies own most of the largest rental buildings in Alberta. The current cash buy out of the voters cannot continue or the Americans will be pulling out a copy of the NAFTA agreement. Subsidies to businesses, residents or to the agricultural community are not

allowed under the agreement when it causes the poor babies in the United States any hardships.

If you want to make a change then you must vote. The Klein government got us into a very messy situation and it will not be easy to fix it. However, there is hope, and the situation can be repaired by people who are willing to do so. It is your turn to do your part and mark your ballot on March 12. You can chose to continue to be enslaved by a government that has grown tired over the past 30 years or make a change for some fresh faces and ideas.

Time to move onto another subject that has been coming up over and over again during the past two months. We are sorry that we have been unable to bring you up to date on Pride Week 2001 here in Edmonton. The good old days of the community groups being involved by running the Pride Dance appear to have come to and end for this year. The community groups should run the dance as a volunteer operation with any money made during it kept in the community. However, the opposite is now in progress and the community will get whatever the profiteers deems as necessary. We have not been able to get any information on the week as of yet due to a black out of news to us from the committee. Since we are a volunteer society we get all of our information and articles from people belonging to groups within the Capital City. There is something wrong when the pride dance is set up as a profit center and not as an expression of pride. It also appears that some people have forgot that there will be many people arriving in Edmonton prior to the Games. With a billion people watching our city as the games approach a bit of common sense might have added some spike to Pride Week. We will get you information in spite of the obvious conflicts of interest going on and we will print it as it is. As we know it now the EVM concert is on the same night as the dance, June 23rd. The parade is at 2 in the afternoon on Saturday, June 16th. Don't stay out too late the night before it happens or you will miss it.



**community and has a desire to be a community representative as Mr. Gay Edmonton this year.**

He spent almost two years volunteering his time with H I V Edmonton's Youth Theatre Project and also spent almost as much time volunteering for the Feather of Hope. Morgan has also been involved with Times .10 Magazine as a volunteer, working on various projects over the past five years. His contributions to a number of



variety shows both in and out of drag have shown that he has a willingness to contribute to our community without getting political. He simply works on all of these volunteer projects because he is a very "out" member of the gay and lesbian community of Edmonton. Morgan's favourite charity

is the Children with AIDS project with which he is involved in raising funds. If elected, he will make this his charity for the year that he holds the title of Mr. Gay Edmonton. "Doing various kinds of work for volunteer organizations is what makes our community

grow" says Morgan while giving us one of his boyish grins. For those that truly know him he is a lot of fun and enjoys working within the community.

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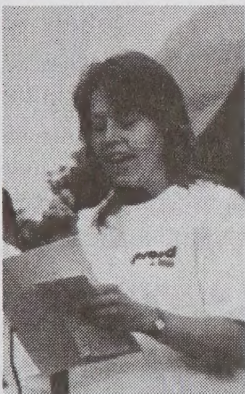
# On the Trail of a Community

## Terri Hayes

Terri is always fun to talk with because she never holds back, and says exactly what she is thinking. She says that most of all she dislikes all the labels that we place on ourselves. "We are quite simply a group of people who

come from all walks of life" says Terri, "so why all the politically correct labels?" She went on to explain that society in general is made of people of every

gender, race, creed, etc., and that is what makes us one with the it. The only way that we are different from anyone else is because individuals are special in their own way. Terri gets deep when she gets into this area of life and has some very interesting points on why the gay and lesbian community has lots of deal with on a day to day basis. Many people have a bad vision of our community because it starts at a very early age in the classroom. Any children, and let's not forget children of lesbians and gay men, can be taunted and teased in many ways. The educational system does not have anything in place to teach acceptance and young children can easily be swayed to go with the crowd. This kind of thinking ends up in a bashing that will go unnoticed or not dealt with by anyone. It gets even more difficult for the children when they are trying to understand that their

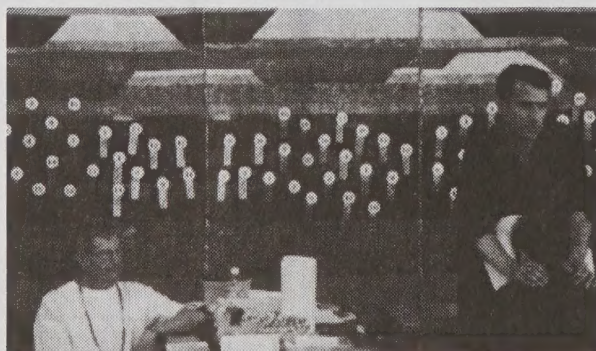


parent is gay. The entire area of children is often forgotten in our own community so parents, and there are many, do their best to deal with each issue, often on their own.

For Terri, life gave her a number of blows by being fired twice due to being a lesbian. The attitude in the workplace gives her plenty to talk about. She expresses her displeasure of the mostly male dominated workplace where she is supposed to be "the good housewife" and not understood enough to talk openly about her life. Just because she has a child then she is considered "normal" and therefore attitudes change. After all, she couldn't be a lesbian because she has a child, right!

Although she has seen a lot of positive changes in the passed ten years, Terri has also seen more women with less money. She knows that it is tough to get out for a few nights during the month. Going out means that a babysitter has to be paid and the event will also cost money. A single mom or dad does not have much spare money when raising a child or several children. It is obvious that Terri is a part of our community that not many people talk about or, for that matter, do not even understand.

As a person who worked on the Pride Committee for almost two years, and



the President of Womonspace for the past 3 years, she has first hand experience in these matters. To her it is rather strange that people in civilian society have such a fear of their own, and other people's, sexuality when the Canadian Military (and a very

select few private and governmental employers) have enacted policies to give gay men and lesbians the same rights and privileges as their heterosexual personal. She says that it is rather tough being raised thinking that who and what you are is "bad" and this does cause a lack of self-esteem. It would be good to have more positive recognition and people who could be role models for lesbians and gay men.

When it gets down to getting involved, Terri believes that if there were more events that allowed a mixed crowd, more people would be out to help. Events that allowed men and women to mix with a wider variety of entertainment would also help. She also sees things getting much better, and as people feel better financially and stable, more will get out to events.

When people get locked into an idea and never see "outside their own box", it makes it more difficult to get people involved.

## Mike Gesy

So how many of you vote; how many of you try to make a change in our community? What kind of job do you have? What is important to you in your life? How many relationships have you been through? How do you

view yourself and how do others view you? Do any of you know how far we have come? And how far we have to go with our rights and image!

See, I think our gay community is a joke. We don't seem to care for each other. Most communities give support or lend a

helping hand, yet never have I seen this community reach out. Many of you are selfish or just cheap. We all bitch and complain about gay rights, that we should be able to have kids or get married or maybe one day be able

to walk down the streets holding hands.

Then there is our gay parade; wow, now that's a joke. We want the straight community to accept us,



understand us. Thing is, we have so many bad stereotypes; who should we blame? I'll tell you who I blame: people who flaunt their gayness, open up smutty bars with hardly any rules or standards. Places where guys make out or just walk around in underwear. Then we have our bathhouse; now there's a great idea. Lets show the world just how ugly we are. All that the straight community sees from us is lust, sex, drugs and bars. Even in our gay parade, we have guys all over each other. Some dressed as women, acting like idiots. To me this is not the image I want to be a part of in any way. This parade is supposed to represent all of the gay community, not just the bar, tranny and bath house community.

Where did our PRIDE go? Where did our class go? Our community is falling apart. But hey, who gives a shit, as long as we have our bars and bathhouse, we will be ok! Bitch and complain all you want and nothing will ever change until we do.

Maybe it's time to show a better side of us, of our community. Why is this community so attracted to grunge?

Funny thing is that one day maybe you will want to get married or have a child. Or maybe you will and one day Social Services will take your child away. Now will you be asking your community for help, and do you trust that they will? This happened not to long ago to a great lady; she reached out for help. Did our community help out? NO way; to this day her child remains with Child Welfare. So what will it take to open the eyes of this dying moral community? Now don't get me wrong, when I say community, I'm talking about the people who are in the spotlight a lot. Or people with power and chose only to make money, no matter what the cost. I'm sure there are a lot more moral gays out there, but unfortunately the bad stand out more. So this community has its bars and bathhouse, yet no place for the classy and moral. Also there is no real place for the youth of this gay community.

Anyway, I just felt that it was about time to speak up, so I did. If any of you are upset about what I had to say, it's probably because it's true. Say what you want; think what you want; actions speak louder than words. Maybe some of you should take a step back and look at the big picture. But if you do, get ready because it might scare you.

So how do we change our image? We could start by setting some basic rules. The first step would be no amateur strip nights or underwear nights in any of our clubs. I'm sure they will still survive. There should be more I.D checks at the doors, there are way too many underage youth getting in. We need stricter doormen who will kick out anyone who is touching others or is just too drunk.

The next thing we need to do is clean up our gay parade; people could dress up and tone things down. To show the straight community that we really are no different than them, we are human beings just like them. Our

community could raise money to open a pool hall or coffeehouse, and give the youth of the community a place to go. Our club owners could open their bars for youth during the day. The young could drink pop, dance or just hang out. Now as for our men and women, cheating and not having safe sex, well no one can change that except for them. Yet our community could post safe-sex pamphlets at all the clubs. In our magazines, we could refer people to counselors.

That is what I think would help start to clean up our community. But it will take people with power and influence to get the ball rolling!

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# Capital City Politics



## Alberta Election Should Include Everyone

*By Laurie Blakeman*

It's official! We're heading to the polls in a provincial election on March 12, 2001. As the candidate seeking re-election for the constituency of Edmonton Centre, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you take an active role in the democratic process. We need to let the Klein government know that the Alberta Advantage should include EVERYONE in this province and not just a chosen few.

That's why it's so important to vote. It is the single most vital thing you can do and it is truly your most essential responsibility as a citizen. Democracy literally starts with a simple "X" on a sheet

of paper. Its importance is what we have fought wars over and it's something that we must never take for granted.

As you can imagine, I have been doing a lot of door knocking in Edmonton Centre since the writ was dropped and I have to say that I have received a lot of positive feedback from members of the gay, lesbian, and transgendered community. I have been told over and over again that you are happy that I have spoken up regarding your concerns in the legislature and I thank you for that. I want to be able to continue working for you and that's why I hope you will vote for me in the election if you live in my riding. I believe that diversity is an important Alberta Advantage and we can't let this government forget this.

So, get your family, your friends, your colleagues and your community together, and make a concerted effort to become involved in this election. Send a clear statement to the government that you're not about to let them take away your voice as a citizen - no matter how hard they try and no matter how much money they throw at the campaign. Now more than ever, it's important to play a role in the future of Alberta.

If you want to volunteer or make a donation or need a ride on voting day, please call the campaign office at 442-2090. If you want to know more about where I stand on issues of importance to you, please call me at 442-2090 or

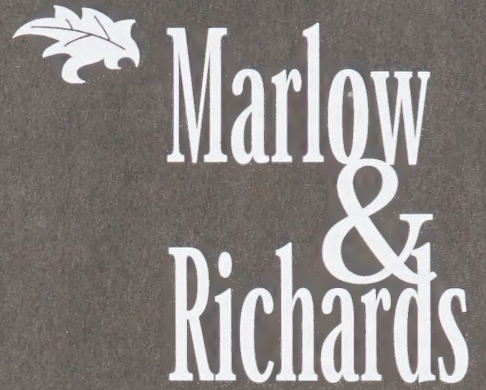
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## A Reader Asks

How is it that we do not hear more about the subsidy that is being allocated to Atco gas? We all remember how Klein said no subsidy for business. This is neatly disguised as a consumer rebate but unlike the energy rebate is applied directly to our gas bills. I just heard of an instance where the gas subsidy on a bill was greater than the bill itself with the consumer having a credit on their bill. If the province is paying for gas before it is even sold to a consumer can this still be considered a consumer rebate?

### Laurie Blakeman Answers:

Yes, it is true and also obvious that SOMEBODY is making big money off of both electricity and gas and it is not working Albertans. While we all gain from the royalties on natural gas, it pales in comparison to what the corporations are making. Not only are the power companies getting directly subsidized with rebate payments, but Ralph is paying the interest on any loans electricity companies have to borrow to buy electricity at higher prices. AND the companies still get to 'make up the difference' between the lower 'capped' price and what they bought it for by charging consumers IN THE FUTURE.



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### **Illusions Social Club**

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday.

For more information, write to Illusions Social Club. Our mailing address is Box 1852, Edmonton, T5K 2P2; or phone 488-3234 on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person.

### **Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose**

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations, which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is:

[wildrosecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:wildrosecourt@yahoo.com).

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### **ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education**

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of Interfaith Centre is to enhance well-being by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. This will lead to an increased understanding of the spiritual and psychosocial needs of those affected by HIV & AIDS. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at [icarealberta@aol.com](mailto:icarealberta@aol.com)

### **Lambda Christian Community Church**

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming

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### **Liatris Society**

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information, contact [liatrisociety@hotmail.com](mailto:liatrisociety@hotmail.com) or William at 474-7328.

### **Liaison Committee, The**

In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

### **Living Positive**

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counseling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail:

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# Support Groups and Services

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## **Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)**

Making Waves Swim Club is open to all that have an interest in swimming at any level: learn to swim, stroke improvement or competitive training. Our first swim practice of our 2000/2001 season will be Sunday, September 10th at a new location, Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Avenue, Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Contact us at: 1. Webpages: [Making Waves](http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm)[http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves\\_edm/home.htm](http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm). 2. E-mail: [makingwaves\\_edm@yahoo.com](mailto:makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com). 3. Phone: Warren 780-718-7598. 4. Attend a practice - your first swim is free!

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The National Leather Association is the largest and most active pansexual organization in the world. It serves the Leather, SM, Fetish communities. We are an all inclusive organization made up of fun-loving, caring, educated and focused people. Join us at our meetings held upstairs at The Roost, 10345-104 Street every 3rd Thursday of the month.

## **Northern Chaps**

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at:

[Northernchaps@telusplanet.net](mailto:Northernchaps@telusplanet.net)

## **Northern Titans**

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Wednesday and Saturday, September to April, at Gateway Bowling Centre. For more information, please call Garry Billett at (780) 426-6311. WebPages at: [Northern Titans](http://www.geocities.com/northerntitans/)<http://www.geocities.com/northerntitans/>

## **O2 Curling**

We meet on Fridays from 6-8 p.m. at the Granite Curling Club. All skill levels, singles or teams are welcome. Call 479-0211 or E-mail us at:

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## **Open Door Club**

Grant MacEwan College group. Anyone is welcome, including students, college employees, people from the area, perspective students, alumni or people who are interested in meeting other people. Our WebPages are at: [Open Door Club](http://www.geocities.com/opendoorclub/)<http://www.geocities.com/opendoorclub/> or E-mail us at:

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## **OUTreach**

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals

interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus, main floor of the Athabasca Hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail:

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## **Team Edmonton**

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

## **Yours Mine Ours and Us**

Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service. WebPages at: [Yours Mine Ours Us](http://www.geocities.com/ymou_1999/)[http://www.geocities.com/ymou\\_1999/](http://www.geocities.com/ymou_1999/)

## **Youth Understanding Youth**

We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail:

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### Volleyball Recreation League

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### Womyn's Volleyball League

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association has initiated a womyn's only league for the first time this year. The season runs until May 28 and new members are welcome at any point. A drop-in fee of \$5 or a registration fee of \$35 is in effect. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m. at Highlands Jr. High School (11509 - 62 St. - please use entrance off parking lot. For more information, please contact: Pam at 459-9370 [p\\_mcewin@hotmail.com](mailto:p_mcewin@hotmail.com) or Jenn at 424-5100 [grnwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:grnwolf@hotmail.com)

### Womonspace

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at [Womonspace](http://Womonspace) <http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/>

### Writers Club

There are several successful gay writers in Edmonton. Many more write as a hobby just for the fun of it. The goal is to establish a Writers Club, which will encourage and support the serious writers of the future, and at the same time increase the pleasure of the hobbyists. The Writers Club meets biweekly on Mondays from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. For further information, location and the next meeting date, contact Graham 463-2098 or e-mail: [gwatts@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:gwatts@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca)

## Regional Organizations

### AIDS Yellowknife

Website: [AIDS Yellowknife](http://AIDS Yellowknife) <http://www.ssimicro.com/aids/>

### Freedom Fort McMurray

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual & Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

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Community, Box 1492,  
Grande Prairie, AB T8V  
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mail:[pellerin@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:pellerin@gprc.ab.ca)

### Northern Rainbow Youth

A support group for High School students. Our email address is

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### Out North

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# The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me

By Hannah Brown

There's enough wit, intelligence and theatrical intensity at work in "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" to

overcome an occasional tendency toward politically correct smugness.

David Drake's long running 1992 one-man show (which both stars and was written by Drake), "Kramer," has been brought to the screen so imaginatively by director Tim Kirkman that it never becomes static.

In fact, "Kramer" invites comparisons to the best-filmed monologues and concerts, such as Jonathan Demme's "Swimming to

Cambodia" and "Stop Making Sense."

Buoyed by Drake's superb acting and phenomenal energy, "Kramer" is a look both at Drake's own experience as a gay man

Heart," played at a time when few were discussing the devastating effect of AIDS on the gay community honestly.

Drake is at his best in the sketches about AIDS, which are the most deeply felt, original and moving. Others, especially those about trying to pick up guys at the gym and at a bar, go on much too long.



and the life of the entire gay community, starting during Drake's childhood in the late '60s through the AIDS plague. It concludes with a hysterically funny but bittersweet epilogue set in 2018 - after AIDS has been cured (and after Matt Damon and Ben Affleck have starred in a remake of "The Way We Were").

The title refers not only to a literal kiss (although playwright Larry Kramer did kiss Drake once at an Act-Up demonstration), but to the feeling of catharsis Drake got in the mid-'80s after seeing Kramer's play about AIDS. "The Normal

But the candlelight vigil sequence and scene where he sings "Lullaby of Broadway" as he reads the obituaries will resonate with anyone who has ever lost a friend to AIDS.

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### **ARGRA And Making Waves Co-Host Mixed Dance In Edmonton**

The Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association (ARGRA) will be co-hosting the "Spurs and Fins Dance" for men and women at the Hellenic Canadian Hall (10450 – 116 Street) in Edmonton on Saturday, March 31, 2001. This event will bring Making Waves, the Edmonton gay and lesbian swim club and ARGRA together for a fun time where both men and women are welcome. The format will be similar to ARGRA dances in Calgary with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and today's best popular and country music until 2:00 a.m. by Edmonton DJ Boomtown Sound. The "Spurs and Fins Dance" will provide an opportunity for both organizations to raise funds and increase their presence in the Edmonton area.

# Speaking Of Normal

by Liz Massiah, MSW, RSW  
Registered Clinical Social Worker

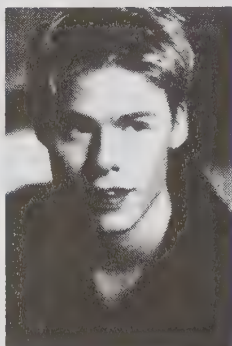
**Recently while channel surfing, I came across "Queer as Folk". After watching for a few minutes, there was a lump in my throat and a tear working its way down my cheek.**

Why? It was about by life experiences being included in a matter of fact way just like 'regular folks'. It was the first time I had ever just surfed my way around and found myself in my own world, where what I saw on the screen seemed "normal" to me. Now there have been lesbian/gay movies on television, even characters on shows... and always they have been marked as 'special or notorious' somehow. This image was some guys in a gay bar, dancing, chatting, laughing.

Yet there I was, channel surfing in my hotel room in Hull and stumbling onto images that made sense to me on a core level. Now I rarely watch television so I really can't comment on the usual quality of the series. Gordon who did not get to help write this column because of a glitch in cyberspace that sent the draft off to cyber heaven, where it is still floating, unedited, did comment that he does not like the show much because of the quality of the writing. But to me much of the dialogue seemed pretty familiar.

Curiously this happened in Quebec, where in the short drive across the river from Ottawa, one enters a quite different world, one where French is the dominant language and culture.

My high school French helped me manage, sort of, although voice mail in French did me in really quickly. And I envied enormously the ability of the local folks to let me stumble in French for a bit and then switch graciously to excellent English. I even managed to sort of chat with a woman



in the grocery store about the ridiculous price of cheese in small packages as opposed to the bigger packages available at the market – or at least that is what I think we were talking about. Some things are indeed universal, like grumbling over costs in the supermarket.

So we have experiences of being an insider, being an outsider and also being connected by universal dilemmas, universal human experiences.

These experiences are universal and occur daily on many levels, all over the world. They relate to many of the core issues of life – being attached, being abandoned, being safe, being unsafe, being free, being controlled... Insiders always have more knowledge than outsiders, are the experts. We are the experts on oppression of lesbians and gays, of being a gay or lesbian parent. Those of us who have been abused or traumatized are the experts on that too.

Michael Foucault, a gay man and philosopher from France wrote a great

deal about insiders/outside. About the power of being observed by the outsiders causes the insiders to be aware of being watched and that can control behaviours. Jails have been built on this principle – if prisoners can not tell whether or not the guards are watching, it is easier to control them. And so we are more easily controlled when we are not "out" cause then we have to be anticipating the danger of the outsiders gaze onto us. Much like being an undercover cop, I suppose.

Now this all brings to mind the issue of letting "outsiders" into our "inside" spaces. This is really much of what the debate about women in Buddies on Friday night might be about. If other reasons are being

put forward, such as gay men being harassed by straight men, then that is another issue and should be dealt with directly. In any case, the current practice as I understand it, is blatant discrimination, in my opinion. And silly too – if I were to show up with some of my fag friends, would I, who is widely known as a "self proclaimed, practicing lesbian (actually I don't practice anymore, I know how to be a lesbian. Even with ten years of marriage, it was heterosexuality I could never get right) have to pay a higher price than the men? Good luck getting that to happen. In an open to the public place. Now let's not kid ourselves, that is discrimination, plain and simple. Even private clubs are being challenged on these issues. And losing. Remember the fuss when that Reform MP said that if homosexuals were working in his store he would make them stay in the back rooms ... sounds like back of the bus stuff to me.



But how do we also find ways to have times and spaces for us as insiders to just be insiders? Isn't that what this is about emotionally? The fags just want to be with other fags for the night (how they keep out bisexual men, is another silly question). And the women just want to be with other dykes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the night. Why do we? Does that mean we want to hang on to some of our identity as oppressed, that we can keep putting energy into worrying about being "out". On the other hand is there anything wrong with just wanting some of "our own space" sometimes? I really don't have the answers, so am posing these questions as way of

pushing our thinking a bit.

**Perhaps we don't get it both ways, perhaps part of the cost of being legally equal is losing some of the outsider status we have had for so long. And we are grappling with how to manage this shift.**

Let's not kid anyone, many of our life experiences are different for us than for non lesbian/gay types. As I often say, when we come out, everything is the same and everything is different. And perhaps one of the things we have to give on is the notion of private spaces, of insider

only spaces. Yet the cost of that is what we had for years, not being part of the general community, not having any hope of channel surfing in a hotel room and finding our own experiences there for all to see, insider or outsider. Grappling with this is not easy but is really in many ways our next task as a community and as individuals. Reading Michael Foucault, the History of Sexuality challenges lots of ideas about these topics and I highly recommend his work to us all.

*(The opinions in this column are those of the author alone and are not meant to replace consultation with a qualified, accountable professional.)*

## Out at Last by Mike Brown



# DORIS SAYS



My friends are telling me that my boyfriend is having heaps of anonymous sex at various places. Should I confront him or follow him around and catch him in the act? -Signed, Suspicious

## Dear Suspicious:

If I were in your shoes, I would confront him. If he denies and says that none of it was true (like most men would do), I would ask him if it was o.k. if I were to go out for a coffee with him and his friends to confront him in front of his friends. If, after all of this, it isn't resolved, and you are still suspicious, depending on how long you two have been together, maybe you should just walk away.

My lover is a disgusting slob. Whenever I come home, I find dirty clothes strewn about in every room. I clean up after him constantly, but it seems a never-ending task. How can I open my lover's eyes to the fact? -Signed, Knee-deep-in Filth

## Dear K-D-I-F:

Have you tried talking it over with your lover? How is your communication-line? If this was me, and I wasn't getting any results from my lover, I would only clean what was my mess; I would get a bag and throw it in storage. Now, as for laundry, I would let my lover know that the next time I have to do laundry, I might accidentally put in too much bleach. Now on the serious side, this really sounds like a RESPECT issue, don't be a Molly Maid.

None of my relationships last for more than 3 weeks. This has been the case for over 3 years. What am I doing wrong? -Signed, Anyone Will Do

## Dear Anyone Will Do:

Let's take a look at the big picture. Ask yourself these questions: Where are you finding these 3 week wonders? From my experience, if you are looking for a long-term relationship in a bar, chances are you will not find it. Or is it that you go to the bar too much? Are you a needy person who tends to cling to people? Are you a person that only goes for looks? What do you base your relationships on? The next time you meet someone, and you are interested romantically, close your eyes and try to picture that person having a family and growing old with you. If you can't picture this, then don't even bother. Set higher standards and expectations, and never settle for 2nd best.

Good luck!

My sexual preference is women, but I have met this really nifty guy who seems to really love me. I like this guy too, but I can't seem to get emotionally attached. What should I do about this? -Signed, Curious

## Dear Curious

Stick to women. Crossing over to the other side of the fence is more than just sucking a dick. Can you see yourself being 100% gay? Or just selectively sleeping with men? Considering the guy loves you, he would probably want to be with you, only you, for a long time. Now if you were going to do this crossover, can you only picture yourself being with only men? Are you Bi? Gay? Or just a "greedy" straight boy who likes it all? These are the questions that you need to ask yourself. But if you are stringing this

guy along, start thinking with your head, not your dick and ask yourself WHY you can not get emotionally attached to this guy. I think it is probably because you are not gay. So be the straight boy that you are, and be straight with your gay friend. Let him know that he is a great guy, that the sex was okay, but women are more your thing.

is a boy-toy to you, and that you think that he is stupid? Get off your high horse, live in the real world, and maybe set your expectations a little lower. And about that place to find brains and beauty, it does exist: only

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# My Monthly Neurosis



By Rob Browatzke

A Saturday in Babylon. The shiny happy boys shine a little brighter; the plastic posers seem a little closer to melting. Retro tunes spin a web of red gold green

dreams, and the alcohol flow keeps the dream alive. All the men are out to play: friends and flames, former and future, and all the nameless. They come to dance, to drink, to get laid, to get high. They come to lose themselves, to find themselves, to heal, to hurt, to live, to die. They come to get away, they come to stay. But they come.

"Queer As Folk" has now been on Showcase for about five weeks. We've been living it for how long though? This past weekend, within a day, a dozen different people came up to me and said the same thing. They were friends, acquaintances, strangers. At the bar, at

the baths, on the chats. They were young, old, rich, poor. And they all said the same thing. "There has to be more than this." The scene is powerful. For many, it's all there is. The thrill of the chase is intoxicating. The gossip is plentiful, and always replenished. There's always a better high, a better boy. The strobe flashes so bright, reality gets lost in the glare.

But it's all good, right? When the most important question you have to ask is "Do I just stare at you all night or can I buy you a drink too", then you realize that there is a whole world beyond Liberty Avenue.

As I sat down to write this, I wasn't sure where it was going to take me. It could've been about how sometimes you're just not in love with someone. It could've been about how sometimes you have to wonder if you maybe are. Instead, it took me to a Toronto-based Pittsburgh that might as well be across the street, and it got me asking the question, "Am I asking the right questions". Life is all about finding answers, but can you really recognize those answers if you don't know what you're looking for? Sometimes it's easier just to play the game. Say the words they want to hear to get the response you want. Act the way you're supposed to act because

you're 23 and you've still got time to goof around with life, and besides, that's the way they do it on that Showcase channel. Play with the boy enough to make him want you only to realize that if he wants you, he's obviously too dumb to be worth it. It's not a gay thing, it's an esteem thing. I can't accept that gay people inherently feel worse about themselves than straight people because straight people make the same mistakes, play the same games, have the same needs. The difference, I guess, is that there's a whole big hetero world out there, but for a gay boy, it's easy to spend your entire life within a few city blocks. On the rare occasions Kansas does intrude, there's always another twister waiting to whisk you back to Oz. There's nothing wrong with being a scene queen, but there's one thing that has to be remembered: the scene shouldn't control you. Immerse yourself if you want, but know where that life preserver is. Pinch yourself once in a while to see if you wake up. Retreating 100% from the "gay lifestyle" (ugh) is just as bad as inhaling it 100%. It's all about balance. That said, though, see you at Babylon this weekend?



### Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC) Coordinator

The Gay & Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (GLCCE) requires a Gay Men's Outreach Crew Coordinator responsible for administering community education, skills building and health promotion programs. This is a one-year, part time (20 hours per week) position with a strong possibility of renewal. The successful candidate will have a degree/diploma in administration, community health promotion, or adult education and/or relevant experience in community outreach, volunteer supervision, public speaking and committee participation. An understanding of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered issues of the issues in Edmonton and area is essential. A background in project management, evaluation and fundraising would be an asset. Equivalencies will be considered. Preferred start date, April 1, 2001. Please forward covering letter and resume to Hiring Committee at #103, 10612-124 Street, Edm. AB T5N 1S4 or email at [gmoc@interbaun.com](mailto:gmoc@interbaun.com) Closing date March 9, 2001.

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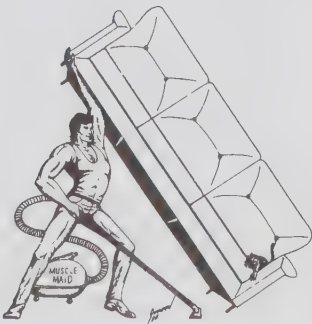
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Why shouldn't I be thirsty?  
Guys say they're not horny!

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Why shouldn't I be tricky?  
Guys say just "gay-curiosity"!

Nasty

Why shouldn't I be nasty?  
Guys say I'm not pretty!

Lovely

Why shouldn't I be lovely?  
Guys say I'm too chubby!

Fancy

Why shouldn't I be fancy?  
Guys say I'm still nineteen!

Lucky

Why shouldn't I be lucky?  
Guys like to be lonely!

Happy

Why shouldn't I be happy?  
Guys, I don't like thee!

*Thomas Ng*

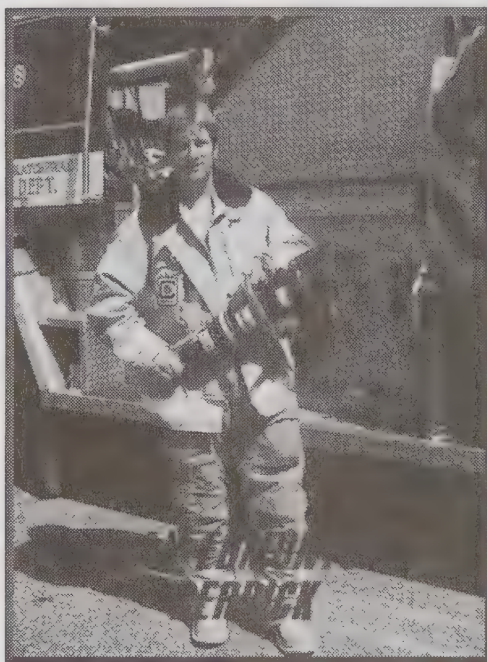
# Something to Remember

*By Imperial Crown Prince  
XXV Rob*

For the past 12 months, Edmonton has been privileged to have reigning as Mr. and Mz. Gay Edmonton two people who have demonstrated their commitment to the Court at every available opportunity. On March 31, 2001, Derek and Ladonna step down from these positions, but if the Court has a lucky star, they won't cease being involved. A year ago, perhaps few knew just how surprisingly good for everyone Derek and Ladonna would be. Everyone knew who they were, though, as Ladonna had been doing shows for quite some time, and Derek was consistently at her side supporting her. When they stepped up, they had big shoes to fill. Mz. Gay Edmonton XXII, Vanity Fair, had done a tremendous job, but it wasn't long before Derek and Ladonna began causing a commotion of their own. They did this not through scandal, but by the unwavering dedication, their willingness to help at any function in any capacity, and the energy and strength they brought to meetings, shows,

and other events.

While Ladonna might have been like a virgin when it came to organizing and hosting her own shows, her and Derek quickly got into the groove, and held two major fundraiser events. One of Derek's best memories from his reign is their first official fundraiser, which



raised \$500, an impressive

amount, many said, for a first show. For that, and for all the other production shows, smaller shows, the Court truly congratulates Derek and Ladonna.

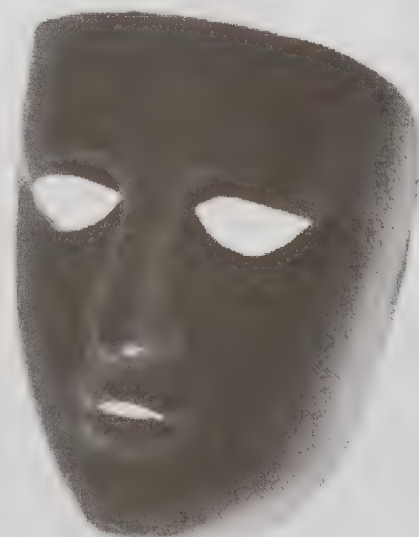
It was a learning experience as well though. Ladonna learned that she not only enjoys organizing fundraisers, she

seems to have quite the knack for adding new and unique flavor to every show she's in. Derek, on the other hand, learned a slightly more distressing lesson: that there are too many divides and politics running rampant in the gay scene. Still, he admits, when those personal bridges could be crossed, the amount of positive work that could be accomplished was staggering. As their step-down draws ever nearer,

Derek and Ladonna look ahead with best wishes and words of advice for whoever steps next onto that stage. The

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titles of the Gays are a

pressure as other titles.

Derek praises the way the position gives you big exposure within the city, as well as with title-holders from around the world, especially with the development of

<http://www.mrgaycan.net>

Ladonna and Derek have high hopes for

Cirque de la Nuit, their step-down pageant that occurs March 31.

Derek wants everyone

to come out, make some new friends, share some good laughs, while Ladonna hopes that this pageant is a step in setting a new precedent for the positions they soon vacate. She urges anyone interested in running to fill out an application as soon as possible (available at Boots, Buddys. Secrets, and the Roost).

Even as the Court opened their hearts (and Sourpuss bottles) for Derek and Ladonna, the new titleholders will surely receive the same welcome.

So come down to Cirque de la Nuit. There you will learn that the only power greater than the power of goodbye is the power of two people who are truly dedicated to making the most of the commitment to the Court. Not that their stepping down means we've seen the last of Derek and Ladonna. They plan on being involved for years to come. Keep your eyes and ears open, Ladonna says, because they'll be back. Perhaps she could have also phrased it "Don't cry for me ISCWR, the truth is I shall not leave you."



good way to get your foot in the door, Ladonna says, as they don't carry as much

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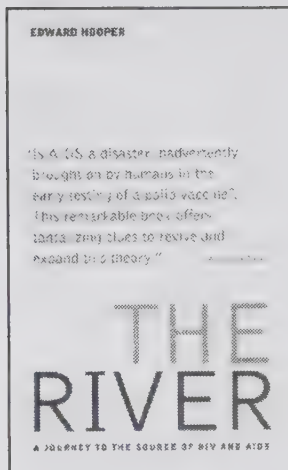


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For all the devastation and suffering AIDS has caused worldwide, we have devoted surprisingly little attention to its beginnings. Former UN official and BBC correspondent Edward Hooper hopes to find the source of AIDS in *The River*, a stunningly comprehensive yet deeply engaging scientific

history of the disease. Through more than 10 years of research comprising over 600 interviews and untold hours of library work, Hooper has uncovered a complex, interlocking set of stories. Of scientific research, of medical assistance to the Third World, of political and economic exigencies that drive the courses of our lives—and brought them together in over 1,000 pages of text, footnotes, references, and illustrations.

His thesis, that HIV made the jump from simians to humans via the administration of oral polio vaccine in Africa in the 1950s, is still controversial, but his arguments are powerful, broad, and

undeniable—all that is lacking is conclusive proof. Like a good scientist (and, sad to say, unlike any HIV researcher to date), he offers several easy tests of his hypothesis. His tales of brilliant epidemiological deductions, biochemical comparisons, and physiological insights ought to convince the medical establishment that the answer can and should be found, both to

help us deal with the current crisis and to keep us from creating new ones of its ilk. In a litigation-weary world, though, it seems that it will take the kind of tireless, impartial research found in *The River* to show us—and our leaders—that blame should take a back seat to truth when extreme circumstances demand it.

*Rob Lightner*



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# You and Your Funny Bone..:)

## The Break In

Two thieves decided to break into a rich man's house one night. To avoid being seen by anyone they decided to enter through the chimney. Unaware that the rich man was at home the first thief began to climb down the chimney, quite noisily. "Who's there?" asked the rich man.

"Meow, meow," said the first thief imitating a cat. Convinced that it was only a cat the rich man went back to watching the television. After a while the second thief began to make his way down the chimney, just as noisily as the first thief. "Who's there?" asked the rich man once again.

Convinced that he could trick the rich man the second thief replied quite confidently, "It's just another cat, sir!"

## Ice Fishing

There were two old boys from Alabama who loved to fish. They wanted to do some ice fishing that they'd heard about in Canada, so they took off to try it. The lake was frozen nicely, so they stopped just before they got to the lake at a little bait shop and got all their tackle. One of them said, "We're going to need an ice pick." After they got their equipment, they took off. In about two hours, one of them was back at the shop and said, "We're going to need another dozen ice picks." He sold him the picks, and the old boy left. In about an hour, he was back at the shop and said, "We're going to need all the ice picks you've got." The bait

man couldn't stand it any longer. "By the way," he asked, "how are you fellows doing?" "Not very well at all," he said. "We don't even have the stupid boat in the water yet."

## Error in the Cemetery

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death — we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

## What goes Bump' Bump in the night?

A man was walking home alone one night when he hears a BUMP' BUMP, BUMP behind him. Walking faster, he looks back, making out the image of an upright coffin banging its way down the middle of the street towards him, ' BUMP .. BUMP.. BUMP. The man begins to run towards his home, and the coffin bounces quickly after him, faster and faster.. BUMP, BUMP' BUMP.

He runs up to his front door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door and rushes in, locking the door

behind him. The coffin however, crashes through his door, with the lid of the coffin clapping, BUMP, BUMP' BUMP, on the heels of the terrified man.

Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in, his heart is pounding as with a crash the coffin breaks down the door. The coffin starts coming slowly towards him, the man screaming, reaches for something, anything, .. but all he can find is a box of cough droops! Desperate, he throws the cough drops at the coffin.

And, of course, the coffin stops!

## For your Mom?

Two little boys go into the grocery store. One is nine, one is four. The nine-year-old grabs a box of tampons from the shelf and carries it to the register for check-out. The cashier asks, "Oh, these must be for your mom, huh?" The nine year old replies, "Nope, not for my mom." Without thinking, the cashier responded, "Well, they must be for your sister then?"

The nine year old quipped, "Nope, not for my sister either." The cashier had now become curious. "Oh. Not for your mom and not for your sister, who are they for?" The nine-year-old says, "They're for my four year old little brother." The cashier is surprised. "Your four year old little brother???" The nine year old explains: "Well yeah, they say on TV if you wear one of these you can swim or ride a bike and my little brother can't do either of them!"

### **The Lemon Picker**

The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon grove seemed way too qualified for the job.

"Look Miss," said the foreman, "have you any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well... as a matter of fact, Yes!" she replied.

"I've been divorced three times."

### **The Blonde Cowboy**

A Sheriff in a small town walked out into the street where he saw blond cowboy strolling down the walk wearing nothing but his cowboy hat, gun and his boots. The sheriff arrested him for

indecent exposure. As the Sheriff locked the cowboy in his cell, curiosity got the best of him. "Why in the world are you dressed like this?", he asked. After a moment, the cowboy replied, "Well..... it's like this Sheriff. I was having a drink in the bar down the road and this pretty little red headed gal asked me to go out to her motor home with her.... so I did. We got inside and she pulled off her top and wanted me to pull off my shirt. So I did. Then she pulled off her skirt and asked me to pull off my pants. She's just awful purty, so I did. Then she pulled down her panties and asked me

to pull off my shorts. So I pulled 'em off. But then she crawled up on the bed and looked at me kind of funny and said, "Now go to town cowboy!!" .... So here I am."

### **Walter's Choice**

When I was younger I hated going to weddings...it seemed that all of my aunts and the grandmotherly types used to come up to me, poke me in the ribs, cackle, and tell me, "You're next."...They stopped that crap after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

### **The Order**

A store manager overheard a clerk saying to a customer, "No, ma'am, we haven't had any for some weeks now, and it doesn't look as if we'll be getting any soon." Alarmed by what was being said, the manager rushed over to the customer who was walking out the door and said, "That isn't true, ma'am. Of course, we'll have some soon. In fact, we placed an order for it a couple of weeks ago."

Then the manager drew the clerk aside and growled, "Never, never, never, never say we don't have something. If we don't have it, say we ordered it and it's on its way. Now, what was it she wanted?" The clerk smiled and said..."Rain..."

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# Becoming Ourselves

Lust, The Mirror



By Shawn Mooney

*Gaymen have learned how to use our sexuality as a social marker, as a disrupter of the social and sexual status quo, and as a way to make our presence felt in the world. The problem is that we have begun to see these actions and effects as ends in themselves. The blatant sexual persona has obscured the need, the desire, and the ability to talk about a more private sexuality. Gay men have learned to talk sex by emulating the bravado of straight male locker-room talk and mixing that with the rhetoric, conventions, language, and images of commercialized pornography. By adopting this ready-made set of attitudes, words, phrases, postures and desires—a one-size-fits-all notion of gay sexuality—gay men can talk sex all we want without ever revealing anything about ourselves.*

—Michael Bronski, "Why Gay Men Can't Really Talk About Sex"

Washing up at the sink, my eye caught a rapid blur behind me: motion seemingly out of place in a public washroom. I turned around. A beautiful young man stood there at the urinal, vigorously pumping his cock as he looked over at me.

"This is my lucky day," I thought. Two of the four toilet stalls were in use; otherwise, it was just he and I. Emboldened and aroused, I strode over, standing close by as he molded and twisted his excitement for my viewing pleasure.

All set to offer the young man a hand, I tore my eyes away from this genital frenzy long enough to focus on his face. Those eyes changed everything. Dully, he gawked at my crotch; his gaze would not meet mine. More than that, the brown pools of his eyes were lifeless, blurred with shame.

My heart nearly burst as I stood there watching this numb, horny youth. Faced with his anguish, my ardour was complicated rather than diminished.

I wanted to tell him how beautiful he was. I wanted to say he had nothing to be ashamed of. I wanted to convey that this—the milieu of furtive fondling and anonymous quickies—was but the tip of the queer iceberg; that a fabulous world awaits his horny-heart's discovery.

I wanted to hold him until that cherubic face softened out of its numbness.

I stood there silent, fixated. My belly spasmed with desire and sadness and love. Then another gentleman walked in; I returned to the sink, washed my hands again. The young man remained standing at the urinal; as I left the washroom, the new fellow leered at him.

In those few frenzied minutes, my erotic life flashed before my eyes. The young man's performance evoked the history of my desire: heart and hard-on. My body ached with memories of shame and self-hatred, longing and lust. Slowly regaining composure, I felt clarified, grounded, energized.

Moralizing voices inside me decry this experience. Answering back such judgments, I insist on celebrating the profound meanings and insights desire can reveal. Sexual experience can be sought maniacally; the quest can also create potent nakedness between and within us.

I will never forget the young man's eyes. I hope he finds solace for the bruise I saw there.

My greatest wish for him—for all of us? That we might cease all judgment of the inventive ways we negotiate and express our desire; that radical body-truths about sex and lust and love might escape our lips; that—alongside our groping and

our cruising—we might create spaces in this world for anonymous cuddles and wanton affection.

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# What's Hot in 2001 - Yoga Vacations

By *Andrew Schuster*

Are you wondering what some of the hot trends are this year? According to the Trend Watch in the January 2001 edition of Outside Magazine, hot for this year is incommunicado, yoga vacations, and outside. The things that are out include wired 24/7, packaged pilgrimages and inside.

To join in on 2001 trends you can be incommunicado and outside as part of one of the many yoga retreats that are offered. These life-style retreats are offered locally and around the globe.

The format of the retreats and the

style of yoga vary. Generally though, nature and personal development activities accompanying the yoga classes. High quality instructors, healthy food, physical challenge and mental solitude can be expected. It is truly a chance to do something totally different that is healthy, re-energizing and fun.

I would suggest that you have some yoga knowledge to take full advantage of the retreat. If you are new to yoga, there are a number of local teachers that offer classes to get you started. Contact the Yoga Association of Alberta to get a list of teachers. They can be reached at [yaa@yoga.ab.ca](mailto:yaa@yoga.ab.ca) or call 780-427-8776.

If you are interested you may want to try the following retreats offered by Alberta-based Yoga Teacher's:

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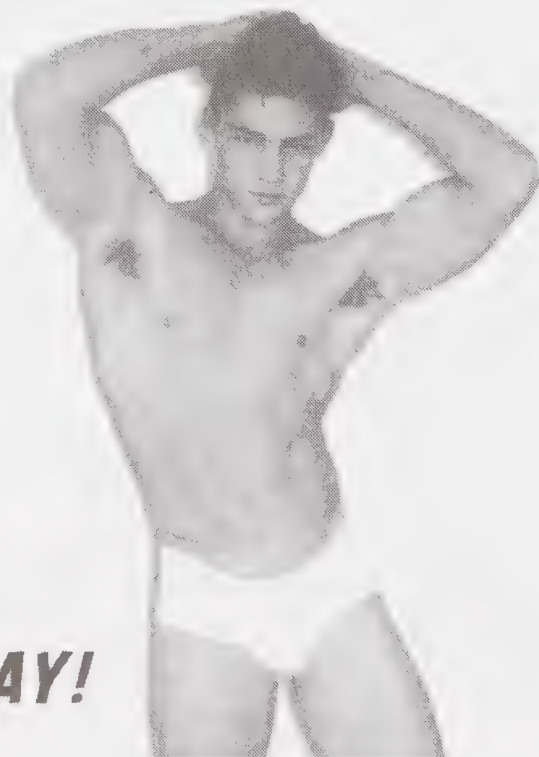
For men looking for a more gay specific retreat, try:

Hawaii. Kilani Oceanside Resort at [www.kalani.com/men.htm](http://www.kalani.com/men.htm).

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We are now into our FINAL renovation phase. We are adding a completely new section with more rooms and a new locker area. With some exciting new features and a few surprises, Georgia Baths will be bigger AND better as it continues to be Gay Edmonton's Number 1 "alternative" recreation facility.

*Richard*

To finish these FINAL renovations,  
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to  
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## What Is A Bear?

A "Bear" is many things. Some say it's a guy that resembles a bear - he's big and hairy. Others believe it's an attitude or state of mind. The most common definition of a "Bear" is a man who is hairy, has facial hair and a cuddly body. However, the word "Bear" means many things to different people, even within the bear movement. Many men, who do not have one or all of these characteristics, define themselves as Bears or admirers of Bears, making the term subjective.

Suffice it to say, "Bear" is often defined more as an attitude or state of mind than anything else. A sense of comfort with our natural masculinity and bodies that is not slavish to the vogues of make attractiveness that is so common in gay circles and gay culture at large. The Bear movement and the B.E.A.R.S. of Edmonton welcome all, whether they fit the classic definition of a bear, are an admirer, or somewhere in between. Bears come in all shapes and sizes: muscular to round, hairy to smooth and from all walks of life, with interests just as varied as they are.

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The US complaint claims that Brazil's new patent legislation violates the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement by allowing the Brazilian government to issue compulsory licenses. The complaint is an attempt by the United States government to destroy Brazil's generic pharmaceutical industry. This industry has significantly reduced medicine prices and saved the lives of thousands of people in Brazil with HIV/AIDS.

Brazil produced these

generic anti-retroviral medicines without using compulsory licenses because pharmaceutical patents were not recognized. However, in 1997 new legislation was effected which brought Brazil in line with its WTO TRIPS obligations. In order to produce new generic anti-retrovirals, the Brazilian government will have to issue compulsory licenses under this new legislation, which the US is now challenging.

This callous action by the US government threatens the lives of millions of people living with HIV/AIDS. It will not only hamper access to medicines for Brazil's 500,000 people with HIV, but also many third-world countries who are hoping to import Brazil's cheap

medicines and to accept Brazil's offer of knowledge transfer.

The complaint is unlikely to be successful because the TRIPS agreement allows for compulsory licensing and parallel imports. These are measures often used by the United States government itself. Clearly this is an attempt by the United States government to intimidate Brazil and other poor countries attempting to break their dependency on multi-national pharmaceutical companies.

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extremely high prices for pharmaceutical products. TAC demands that the USA immediately drops the complaint.

Millions of lives are at stake in this case. TAC also asks WTO Director, Mr. Mike Moore to immediately convene the dispute settlement body of the WTO and to rule in line with TRIPS that any country is allowed to use compulsory licensing for products under patent to protect public health and nutrition. Failure to do this will demonstrate that the WTO simply defends the interest of the USA and multinational companies.

TAC demands that the South African Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Health and Trade and Industry issue a joint

statement to defend Brazil. TAC has called for a global day of action on the 5th March 2001 to denounce pharmaceutical company profiteering at the expense of the lives of people with HIV/AIDS and to express support for legislation introduced by the South African government to allow parallel imports of medicines. In light of the US complaint at the WTO, we are now also calling for our global allies to defend Brazil and demand that the complaint be dropped.

TAC will mobilize broad support for Brazil. For a copy of a TAC Fact Sheet on the Brazilian HIV/AIDS medicines program contact [info@tac.org.za](mailto:info@tac.org.za), or download it from <http://www.tac.org.za/archive.htm>.

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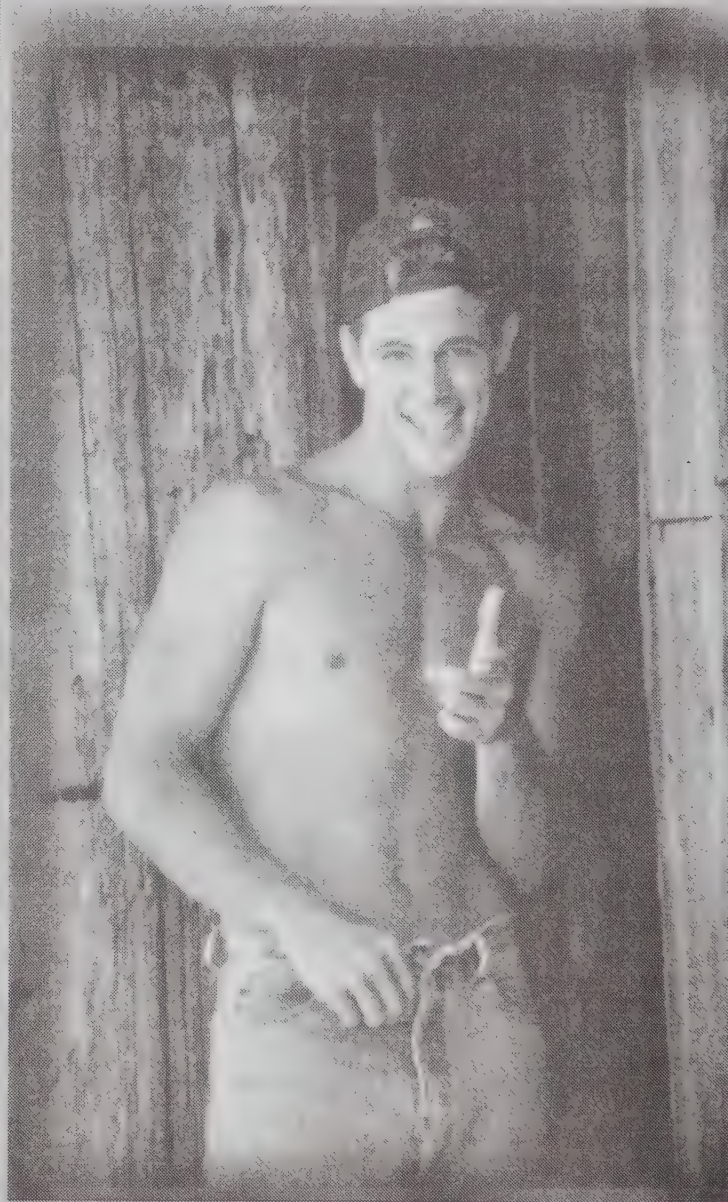
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# A new Website for Lesbian Survivors

## Why Rainbow Hope Exists

To this day I am still wondering if there are more lesbians who have been survivors or if I only notice them more since I came out. But nonetheless, when I "arrived" on the net a few years back and joined a survivor forum and eventually came out to myself, I was faced with a kind of duality. That

feeling of duality was between knowing that I was a lesbian and needing to talk about issues concerning that and survivorship... and being on a "straight" survivors message board where I didn't feel comfortable talking about it. I didn't feel comfortable because I was scared of rejection and non-understanding from others at that forum. So I kept my mouth shut about that part of me. Problem was that I really needed to talk about it. There were questions I had that I needed to debate with people who could understand... and I knew I wasn't alone with this.

The questions I had related both to being a lesbian and to being a survivor. And

yes it did help to share them with my love but sometimes you need more than two heads to think on a problem, and so that was missing. Then I decided to go to a lesbian chat room and ask them over there. When I brought up the subject of sexual abuse and talked about my wondering if it had something to do with me being a lesbian, I was almost "ousted" and reminded that: "we are gay by nature and we don't need to look for the why's and what ifs". So no possibility of conversation there either. So I decided to talk about it with the few straight friends that know that I am both a survivor and a lesbian.. and ended up having to explain what exactly it felt like to be a lesbian.. which I had no idea how to do LOL. So basically I couldn't find anyone anywhere to talk about these issues except for my love and another lesbian survivor friend of mine.. who were both pretty much in the same "phase" as I was in... so our conversations weren't very productive.

Also, The more I was integrating the fact that I was a lesbian into my life, the more I began to see more connections between being lesbian and other aspects of surviving from abuse. It was like I started to see how both issues interacted to give me different perspectives on some things and more trouble in others. Self-esteem, coping skills, relationship issues, family relationships... all of which I needed to talk about and understand and debate.... but which I couldn't, except with my love and one friend.

So that was how the idea for Rainbow Hope was born. A place where we could regroup lesbian survivors and partners of lesbian survivors. A place to make friends who could really understand and a place where I knew I wouldn't be judged by my peers. A safe place to heal, grow and make friends. And it seems that I was right when I thought that there was a need for a place like this.

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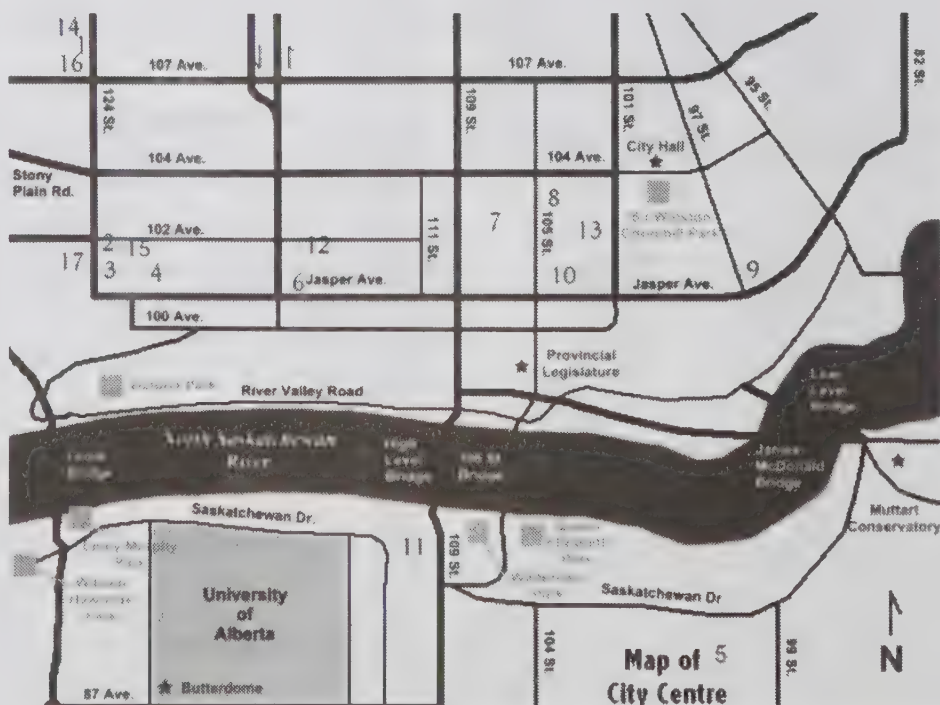
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Box 2833: This is David, I'm a 44 year old gay male looking for a 32 year old gay male to have fun. I like to travel, go out for dinner. Hairy chest, hairy legs, 7" cock. I've got brownish-gray hair, brown eyes, 172lb, slim, and like to have fun. Like to get spanked, get whipped, tied up and I like to lick your cock, lick your ass, lick your balls, kiss your feet. I like tall guys. I like to travel and have fun. I like to go to Calgary.

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Box 2532: Check out my other ad, box 1952 for more information. I'm 22, gay Asian male, good-looking, 6'2", 180lb, have a lot to offer and yet I'm still alone. It could be that I'm not out, and that I've never been on a proper date, so I don't know exactly what I want in a guy. I've been doing the casual sex thing, and that hasn't helped me much in understanding myself. So, yes I have issues, but who doesn't? I don't carry it around whining and bitching. I'm a very positive person and hide these things very well. After all, I'm still in the closet, maybe that's a problem that I've built this stone wall around my emotions too well, that I am in dire need of finding people to help me tear it down to understand me fully and completely, and to love me as I am. Yes, I have a lot going for me externally, but that's just the pretty packaging - once you take it home, some assembly is required. I guess I'm just hoping that somebody out there with the qualities I seek is willing to take a chance on me.

Box 2573: This is Chad, I'm a 24 year old gay white male living in Saskatoon. I've tried ads here in Saskatoon, papers and ads in newspapers, and I've had no luck. I would like to move to the Alberta area to further my education. I'm 24, 6', 165lb, dark hair, blue eyes. I'm interested in an older gentleman, 29-45, and hopefully to meet somebody that's caring, honest, kind, loyal and likes to have a lot of fun.

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Box 2343: I'm 26 year old male calling from Fort McMurray looking for well-endowed, older tops. 6', 140lb, brown hair, blue eyes, submissive bottom. Looking for well-endowed older tops for bareback.

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Box 2458: Single male in the Grand Prairie area, travel to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John quite a bit. I'm 6'3", 235lb, brown hair, brown eyes. Looking for get-togethers. Age, looks, race unimportant. Looking for people with small dicks, the smaller the better. Can entertain, can travel.

Box 2548: Horny, older gentleman, well-hung, 8-1/2" cut, very clean, very discreet. Always looking for younger males.

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Box 2296: I'm 40, white male, average looks, build, seeks older men, 50,60+ to put me on my knees and make me suck your cock. Reciprocation is not required.

Box 2570: Looking for hot sweaty leather action. Versatile, can top and bottom, 32, 6'2", broad shoulders, attractive masculine, looking for other masculine guys into bondage, discipline, role play, SM, sweaty leather sex.

Box 2625: I'm Dave, 22, blue eyes, brown hair, like sucking cock, tanned, toned, physically fit, very outgoing, and very open minded.

## bears, big men & their admirers

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Box 2533: I'm a 19 year old male, and I'm just looking for any transvestites or crossdressers, that would like to teach me and show me the ropes. I'm really interested and I would make a real sexy girl.

Box 2540: I'm 25, 6', 190lb, I want to put on my girlfriends underwear and come to your place and see where it goes. I'm very open-minded and looking for some fun.

Box 2557: I'm Siren, I'm a 25 year old, submissive transvestite, looking for others kind of like me who would like to get-together, dress-up, go out, and have a good time.

Box 2578: I'm an attractive 28 year old male, looking for transsexuals, hot looking transsexuals or transvestites, who knows, possibly even taller, even more. I stand 5'8", about 165-170lb, clean-shaven, clean-cut.

Box 2666: I'm Steve here, 34, 6'1", 180lb, very tight, toned, blond hair, blond moustache, attractive, I don't know what else to tell you. I also look really good in a pair of tight jeans, from the front or the back. I'm looking for an adventurous and open-minded ladies out there, who would like to spend some time together. I'm in town for a day or two and looking to party. If any of you can help me out, and tell me where I can go to make new friends, I'm looking for interesting bars where I can meet interesting people. If you can help me out, I'd really appreciate it, and if you want to talk to me, then give me a call back, and we'll see what we can do.

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Box 2856: I'm Chris, I'm 6'2", 220lb, 7-1/2" cut, thick, into everything. I want to be with an older guy with a huge cock. I'm a bottom, I want to try toys, watch movies, everything of that sort, orgies, threesomes, anything you can think of, I'm pretty creative, so...



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